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告白には失敗しちゃった桜だけど、正お兄ちゃんへの想いは募る一方♡　そんな折、桜の家に中(なか)ちゃん達が集まってテスト勉強をする事に。でも、そこで始まった恋愛相談話を正お兄ちゃんに聞かれてしまって…!?　ついに家庭内恋愛スタート!?ドキ^{2}の第7巻登場!!

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中間テストがある事をすっかり忘れていた桜。中ちゃんたちとテスト合宿をする事になったんだけど、そこで始まった恋愛相談話を正お兄ちゃんに聞かれてしまい…!? おまけに、正お兄ちゃんから「襲っちゃうぞ」発言が飛び出して、ドキドキ大増量♡胸いっぱいの第7巻登場!!

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Me & My Brothers

Volume 7

Hari Tokeino

Me & My Brothers

Episode 31

NNGH...
GOOD MORNING...
...SLEEPY HEAD. ☆
Tee hee!
Aw! Wakey!
Ulp!

enjoy life

WH-WHAT IS THIS, A GUERILLA ATTACK?!
IT'S MORNING, SAKURA-CHAN I CAME TO WAKE YOU UP.
BUT THEN...
...YOU LOOK SO ADORABLE WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING.
?!!!
I COULDN'T HELP BUT STOP AND STARE.
MASASHI IS BACK IN FULL SWING WITH HIS SISTER COMPLEX.
I already turned off the stove for you.
GOOD-NESS ME!!
It completely slipped my mind!!
MASASHI, YOU SHOULD WATCH THE MISO SOUP. IT WAS BOILING.

GET YOUR CLOTHES ON AND WE'LL SEE YOU DOWNSTAIRS, SAKURA-CHAN. HURRY NOW.
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
WHY DOES HE ONLY STOP TALKING LIKE A GIRL WHEN HE SAYS THOSE LINES..?
AND IT'S DOING WONDERS AT SHORTENING MY LIFE
AND...
ニコニコ
AND AS LONG AS IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU, SAKURA-SAN, THEN I HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE HIM SHOWING A LITTLE SELF-CONTROL.
TAKASHI?
かあ
MUMBLE MUMBLE
ER...
N-NO.
I'M--
NO DUH IT BOTHERS HER, BLOCKHEAD!
...SOMETHING TELLS ME TAKASHI'S CAUGHT ON TO MY DILEMMA.

にゅっ
ACK!
TSUYOSHI, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!!
DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT IT COVERED. I'M ON MY WAY TO SMASH IN THAT FAIRY'S HEAD RIGHT NOW.
HERE, SAKURA.
OOH, A STRAWBERRY PLANT! IT'S SO CUTE!
MAYBE...
...IF I WAIT LONG ENOUGH, MY FEELINGS WILL ALSO BEAR FRUIT.
BREAKFAST IS READY, MY LOVE-MUFFINS!
Come downstairs!

I WAS SURE THAT TELLING MASASHI HOW I FEEL WOULD FINALLY PUT AN END TO ALL THIS.
BUT I ENDED UP CHICKENING OUT, AND NOW MY HEAD'S SPINNING LIKE AN OUT-OF-CONTROL ROLLERCOASTER WITH WORRY!
BY THE WAY, SAKURA-CHAN...
...I HEAR YOU START MIDTERMS NEXT WEEK.
Naka-chan told me
MIDTERMS...?
Life in Academia
OMIGOD! I TOTALLY FORGOT!!!
Test-taking time!

SAKURA, YOU'VE GOTTA COOL YOUR JETS!
キョとーん
EVERYBODY KNOWS TESTS WERE MADE FOR CRAMMING! AND WE STILL HAVE ALL OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. THAT'S PLENTY OF TIME!
I'M NOT LIKE YOU, NAKA-CHAN! I CAN'T JUST CRAM A WHOLE SEMESTER'S WORTH IN MY BRAIN THE NIGHT BEFORE! AND I'VE BEEN SO OUT OF IT, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE'RE COVERING IN CLASS ANYMORE!
I GET IT YOU'RE THE SLOW-AND-STEADY TYPE, HUH?
BUT A CERTAIN FORBIDDEN LOVE AFFAIR'S BEEN DISTRACTING YOU LATELY.
IS NOT!
Siiiigh...
BUT DON'T FORGET, IT TAKES THREE TO MAKE A MESSY LOVE TRIANGLE.
!

AU CONTRAIRE, MON AMI. YOU TWO JUST LEAVE IT TO THE GREAT NAKA-CHAN.
MIDNIGHT OIL BURN-INATOR. THAT'S "ALL-NIGHT CRAMMER" IN LAYMAN'S TERMS.
N-NO! TH-TH-TH-TH-THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS!
ぎくっ
PUHLEASE. WHY WORRY ABOUT TESTS, WHEN SHE'S GOT HER LOVE LIFE TO WORRY ABOUT?
SONOMURA-SAN, ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE STUDYING FOR MIDTERMS, TOO?
I'M NOT GOING TO STUDY, BUT...
I wanna see the boss-lady
...CAN I CRASH YOUR PARTY?
EH?!
AND OUR FIRST PLAN OF ACTION? HAVING A TEST PREP SLEEPOVER AT SAKURA'S PLACE THIS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STUDY, THEN DON'T COME AT ALL!
THAT IN-STEREO CRAP FREAKS ME OUT. QUIT IT.
At least practice synching your pitch.

OVER MY DEAD BODY.
にゃっ
KATAGIRI!
DOES THAT MEAN ONLY THE PEOPLE SERIOUS ABOUT STUDYING--LIKE MYSELF--ARE INVITED?
ギャー
IF YOU GUYS CAME TO MY HOUSE, THERE'S NO WAY WE'D GET ANY STUDYING DONE!
HARSH, MIYASHITA. WON'T YOU AT LEAST CONSIDER IT?
So heartless.
The obvious outcome...
The Buckle Down Brigade
Go Pro!
TWO WORDS FOR YOU--SO WHAT?
The Low Standards Squad
AND I'VE GOT TWO FOR YOU! NO WAY!
MIDTERMS START NEXT WEEK!!
WE SHOULD ALL STUDY!!!

I'M HOME!
I BROUGHT NAKA-CHAN AND SONOMURA-SAN WITH ME.
THANKS FOR HAVING US!
PARDON OUR INTRU-SION.
WELCOME!
WINK
WE LOYAL BROTHERS WILL BE YOUR TUTORS TODAY! NOW LET'S CRACK OPEN SOME BOOKS!

SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH YOU GUYS TODAY.
DON'T COME BOTHERING US ESPECIALLY YOU, MASASHI.
WHAT?!
She insulted me and my mama.
Oops!
NO MEANS NO!!! IT'S YOUR FAULT I COULDN'T GET ANY STUDYING DONE IN THE FIRST PL--
I wanna! I wanna!
BUT I REALLY WANNA HELP YOU STUDY! PLEEEEASE, SAKURA-CHAN? PLAY WITH ME!!
じたばた
TSUYOSHI. I KNOW YOU WANT SAKURA-CHAN'S ATTENTION, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN INTERFERE WITH HER STUDIES.
Won't you ever learn?
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU'RE THE ONE INTERFERING!!

I'LL CLEAN YOUR EARS FOR YOU. ♡
Making Sakura use his lap for a pillow when she falls asleep studying
SAY AAHH! ♡
A gift for Sakura as she does her homework
Hmmm
mm...
YOUR VERY EXISTENCE IS INTERFERING WITH HER STUDIES! GET A CLUE!!
Don't tell me... You're not fooling anyone!
?
I DO RECALL GIVING HER SUPPORT.
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL! RIGHT, SAKURA-CHA--?!
D'oh!
SAKURA-SAN ALREADY WENT UP TO HER ROOM A LONG TIME AGO.
DROP DEAD.
Maron

Sakura's room
NOW THEN!
BRING IT...
...ON!!
SHALL WE GET STARTED?
I HEREBY OPEN NAKA-CHAN'S ROMANTIC ADVICE CONSULTATION OFFICE FOR BUSINESS!
SAY WHAT?

I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO STUDY, NAKA-CHAN!!!
What about the midnight oil?
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IN ORDER TO DEVOTE YOURSELF TO STUDYING...
...YOU MUST FIRST OPEN UP, AND TELL SOMEONE ABOUT YOUR LOVE PROBLEMS. PROBLEMS HOLD YOU BACK.
I GUESS... THAT MAKES SENSE.

I... I LOOK UP TO KATAGIRI-KUN. THAT'S ALL.
WOW, NAKA-CHAN'S REALLY RIDING THIS FOR ALL IT'S WORTH.
NAKA...?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YES, YES, THAT'S RIGHT! WELL? WELL? WHEN AND HOW DID YOU START LIKING KATAGIRI, DEARIE?
THERE'S NO USE HIDING IT! WE ALL KNOW YOUR SECRET.
WHEN WE WERE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, WE ONLY EVER TALKED...
WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE HE REMEMBERED ME.
Our precious dinner!
KUH? BUT I THOUGHT YOU WANTED IT SWEET.
NOT SWEET! MILO! DON'T YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, SONOMURA?!
SONOMURA! THIS IS CURRY WE'RE MAKING! WHAT'S WITH THE SUGAR?!
...THIS ONCE, SINGLE TIME.

DON'T WORRY. I'VE FLUBBED UP LIKE THAT BEFORE.
PIPE DOWN ALREADY! JUST GIVE UP ON THE CURRY IDEA AND MAKE IT MEAT AND POTATO STEW OR SOMETHING.
BACK IN SECOND GRADE, THAT IS!
Son
girl
BESIDES, UM, I KNOW THAT KATAGIRI-KUN ALREADY LIKES MIYASHITA-SAN
I-I WASN'T SWEPT!
OH, NO!
Why don't you join the Cooking Club with him?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE OUR KATAGIRI. SO HE SWEPT YOU OFF YOUR FEET WITH KITCHEN-TALK, HM?
YEAH, NO NEED TO WORRY IN THAT DEPARTMENT.
WHOA! HOLD IT!
THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN US!

BECAUSE MASASHI-SAN IS THE OBJECT OF SAKURA-CHAN'S AFFECTIONS.
CLINK
Gasp!

ガチャッ
?!!
THAT'S ENOUGH, NAKA-CHAN.
.....
ONE OF MY BROTHERS COULD HEAR YOU!
Whew!

WEREN'T THOSE SNACKS FOR SAKURA-SAN AND HER FRIENDS?
MASA-SHI?
...TAKASHI
HIT ME AS HARD AS YOU CAN. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
?!
SAY WHAT?

DID YOU PULL SOMETHING NASTY ON SAKURA?!
...PLEASE.
.....
DON'T MIND IF I DO.
WHA ...?!
TAKA, WAIT!!

WELL? DID THAT WAKE YOU UP?
!
ゴキ
OW!
BUT TSUYOSHI-KUN BETTER NOT BE RIGHT. IF YOU REALLY DID DO SOMETHING TO SAKURA...
...I WON'T HOLD BACK NEXT TIME.

A serious punch from him could knock me dead!
N-NO NEED! I'M SURE I'M IN THE REAL WORLD NOW!
THAT HURT PLENTY! THANKS, TAKASHI!
YOU'D BETTER NOT BE HIDING ANYTHING!
SHEESH! WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE ABOUT?!
HEY, SAKURA
DID THIS FEM MAN PUCL ANY--
OOPSIE DAISY!! I SLIPPED!

I'M SOOOO SORRY, TSUYOSHI!
I CAN BE SUCH A KLUTZ!
Tee hee!
YOU'RE DEAD.

FOR ONCE, THEIR STUPID ANTICS ACTUALLY MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
Yowch
Looks like they didn't hear a thing
Whew!
Go to Hell!
Tap me out Takeshi!

SAKURA-SAN, WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO BRING YOU THIS. TAKE IT.
THANKS, TAKASHI!
WELL, I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM.
WE'RE GOING TO START STUDYING, SO PLAY QUIETLY, OKAY?
YES, MA'AM!
I'm not playing with him!!

GUSTO GUSTO
SAKURA-CHAN, TIME TO GET--
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
CHIRP CHIRP

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Lucky number seven! Thank you for joining me for volume seven!

With a stomach full of food and a head full of dreams, I feel energized at the start of the book!

Me & My Kitty

"BECAUSE MASASHI-SAN IS THE OBJECT OF SAKURA-CHAN'S AFFECTIONS."

GASP!

WAKE UP ALREADY
CLATTER
?!!

MAN...
I REALLY AM IN TROUBLE THIS TIME.
IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP SOON...
...I JUST MIGHT ATTACK YOU, SAKURA.

The little dears still asleep
Zzz...
I FORGOT TO TURN OFF THE STOVE!
Gasp!
HEY, QUEENIE! THE EGGS ARE BURNING!!!
ウンっ
WH-WH-WH-WHAT?!
BTAM
I guess another five minutes wouldn't hurt
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY "ATTACK"?!!
TWEET! TWEET!

I MANAGED TO BARREL THROUGH THE REST OF THE MORNING...
...AND GET OUT THE DOOR WITHOUT FACING MASASHI, SAYING I DIDN'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SAKURA-CHAN?
BEGIN!
AND SO THE DREADED TESTS BEGIN.
.....
.....

I just might attack you
BUT WITH MASASHI'S OMINOUS WORDS ECHOING IN MY HEAD...I CAN'T CONCENTRATE ONE BIT!!!
I'M SO GONNA NEED MAKEUP TESTS AFTER THIS
PUFF PUFF
Same goes for him
PUFF PUFF
FIDGET FIDGET
BRRRRING
BRRRRING
CRAP. I CAN'T WORK AT A TIME LIKE THIS.

Me & My Brothers

Episode 32

First Midterm Exam Math II
Class 3
32
Sakura Miyashita
※ We cannot show you her score for it is far too terrible
YOU DID WORSE THAN ME!
HOLY--!

We can do it!

SAKURA, WHAT'D YOU GET IN MATH?
YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT! SHE GOT---
MIZU-SAWA-KUN!!
ONE MORE WORD, AND YOU'LL NEVER SEE YOUR PRECIOUS BOSS-LADY AGAIN!
SO QUIT LOOKING AT OTHER PEOPLE'S TESTS!!
FINE. WHATEVER.
COME NOW, EVERYONE. BACK TO YOUR SEATS.
CLAP
CLAP
DRAGGIN' YA? DRAGON...YE, RS?
Eh? My age?
I guess I'm already 1000 years old.
Run away Mind
WE'LL BE STARTING MAKEUP TESTS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO GOT RED MARKS.
DEPENDING ON THOSE RESULTS, WE MIGHT BE DRAGGING YOU BACK A YEAR, SO STUDY HARD.

I KNOW PRECISELY WHY THIS HAPPENED.
STILL, IT'S A MIRACLE THAT I ONLY GOT REO MARKS IN MATH
I have no recollection of answering any of the problems
MIYASHITA, YOU OKAY?! MIYASHITA?!
I stepped back a year!
white as a ghost
BUT BLAMING IT ALL ON MASASHI IS JUST SHIFTING THE BLAME. I KNOW.
WHAT?
A MAKEUP TEST?

TO BE HONEST, THOUGH, I KIND OF HATE HIM RIGHT NOW.
YES.
SO YOU'D BETTER NOT GET IN THE WAY OF MY STUDYING, OR YOU'LL WISH YOU'D NEVER BEEN BORN.
?!
H-HAVE I POSSIBLY DONE SOMETHING TO GET IN THE WAY?
Why won't you look me in the eye?
JUST DO WHAT YOU'RE TOLD.
MAYBE I AM LETTING IT GET TO ME A LITTLE TOO MUCH...
..BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU SHOULDN'T SAY, EVEN IF YOU'RE JUST JOKING

じっ
WHAT THE--?
じぃー
Whoa, what's with that?
WHY IS HE LOOKING AT ME ALL SERIOUS NOW?!
Freshmen Handbook
"IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP SOON, I MIGHT JUST ATTACK YOU, SAKURA."
GULP

MASASHI, YOU BIG DUMMY!
だだっ
?!!
.....
Me? A big dummy?
MUTTE MUTTE
.....
"BECAUSE MASASHI-SAN IS THE OBJECT OF SAKURA-CHAN'S AFFECTIONS."
MAYBE I REALLY DID HEAR THAT WRONG.
OR MAYBE NAKA-CHAN HAS THE WRONG IDEA, TOO.
I'M HOME.
GYAH!

DEPRESSED
It's great to have you home!
WAIT, TAKESHI! THAT CAME OUT WRONG!
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!
MASASHI.
YES?
Although I'm not Takeshi to be you
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU...
...BUT I'LL BE ON YOUR SIDE, NO MATTER WHAT.
BUT...WOULD YOU STILL BE ON MY SIDE, IF I MAKE SAKURA-CHAN MAD AT ME?
じわっ
OH, TAKESHI.
.....

I RAN INTO TANAKA-SAN ON MY WAY HOME SHE SAID SAKURA-SAN HAS TO TAKE A MAKEUP TEST.
YES. SHE'S IN HER ROOM STUDYING RIGHT NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING?
ACK! I WAS ONLY KIDDING! PLEASE FORGIVE YOUR MEAN OLDER BROTHER FOR TESTING YOU LIKE THAT, TAKESHI!!
It's easy if you blame me when I do something wrong!
Hmph!
Hmm
WAIT, TAKASHI! DON'T! SHE SAID SHE WANTS ZIPPO INTERRUPTIONS!
I'LL GO CHECK ON HER.
SAKURA-SAN'S USUALLY SUCH A GOOD STUDENT. THIS IS NOT LIKE HER.
AH!
TAKASHI! WELCOME HOME!

PERFECT TIMING. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. COULD YOU HELP ME?
THERE'RE ACTUALLY A FEW...
I mean, almost all of them.
OF COURSE. SHOW ME WHICH ONE.
OH, BUT MATH IS MORE TAKESHI-KUN'S SPECIALTY.
AND HE GRADUATED FROM YOUR SCHOOL, SO HE WOULD KNOW WHAT QUESTIONS ARE LIKELY TO SHOW UP.
REALLY? WILL YOU HELP ME, TAKESHI?
TAKESHI, YOU TRAITOR!!!
PLEASE BE QUIET, MASASHI.

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Well then, since I'm feeling happy, I'll report some things that made me happy.

Shockingly, LaLa (the magazine) made a drama CD that they included as an extra in their April edition!! It had a wonderful script and wonderful voice actors. I was so happy, my feet nearly gave way beneath me!

And then!! They made a *Me & My Brothers* drama CD that's going on sale!

It goes on sale July 25, 2007! (Plug!)

Takashi and Takeshi weren't in the bonus CD, but they'll be in this one. Please buy it!!

※Sorry, it's only available in Japan.

"YOU ARE SPECIAL."
GAWD, I'M SUCH AN IDIOT.
Why am I bringing that up now?

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SAKURA.
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もや
もや
OH!
I DON'T THINK THAT ANSWER IS RIGHT.
Mathematically...
Masashi is a dummy
あせあせ
I'm panicked!
WHY DON'T I GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK?
N--
N-N-N-N-NOTHING HAPPENED!
SO SOMETHING REALLY DID HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND HIM?

Sigh
IF THIS KEEPS UP, I COULD REALLY BE HELD BACK A YEAR!
GREAT. NOW I'M MAKING OTHER PEOPLE WORRY!
?!
HM?

コロンッ
ナニ!!
BRAVO, SAKURA-CHAN!
That was brilliant!! So well-executed!
BTHMP BTHMP
WH-WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
ガシッ
!!
YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU? THIS IS MY FAULT FOR SQUATTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STAIRWELL, LOST IN MY OWN SELFISH THOUGHTS!

M-MASASHI, I'M FINE!
WE CAN'T IGNORE EVEN THE TINIEST SCRATCH!
I'll ready the disinfectant!
じぃーっ
OH, BE QUIET!
AND GIVE IT, HERE!
Oh, come on! We're not even outside!!

SO, UH...
WH-WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
HUH?
はっ
WELL, IT WAS...
ぱっ

MASASHI?
YOU ALMOST HAD ME THERE, YOU SILLYHEAD!
Ho-ho-ho-ho-ho!
N-N-NOTHING AT ALL, MY DEAR! WHATEVER GAVE YOU THAT STRANGE IDEA?!
YOU JUST SAID YOU WERE THINKING!
Gasp!
WHAT OTHER DAY?
DAY DREAMING!
I REALLY WASN'T THINKING ABOUT ANY-THING!
AND IT MOST CERTAINLY WASN'T ABOUT WHAT I HEARD THE OTHER DAY!

DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU OVERHEARD NAKA-CHAN TALKING.
I wasn't eavesdropping, it just what you think.
AT LEAST, I DIDN'T HEAR THE WHOLE THING..
I ALWAYS...

THAT'S IT!
I'M GONNA GO STUDY IN THE LIBRARY!
SAKURA?!
...THOUGHT I WANTED HIM TO KNOW HOW I FELT.
?
HELLO?
Everything okay?
SORRY I'M GONNA GO OUT FOR A SEC, TOO.
BUT NOW...

SAKURA!!
I'M GOING TO STUDY! DON'T FOLLOW ME!!
...I'M TOO SCARED TO HEAR HIS ANSWER.
I

TOUGH BEANS
WHAT?!

YOU'RE NOT COMING WITH ME!!
THEN ...
...I'LL JUST HAVE TO CATCH YOU INSTEAD!

Is this a kidnapping?
NO!
LET GO OF ME!!!
SAKURA, PLEASE.

IT LOOKS LIKE NAKA-CHAN GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT YOU BECAUSE I TOOK MY SISTER COMPLEX TOO FAR.
WHEN YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, THERE'S REALLY NO SUCH THING AS "LIKE" OR "HATE" IN A FAMILY.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. I'M NOT TAKING IT SERIOUSLY, SO RELAX.
!
AND I...
...DON'T PLAN TO STOP BEING ANYTHING BUT YOUR BROTHER.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
IS IT BAD TO LIKE SOMEBODY THAT WAY, EVEN IF THEY'RE IN MY FAMILY?!
IS IT THAT WEIRD FOR ME TO FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT YOU?!
SAKU--?

KONK

IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL...
...YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GONNA BE ATTACKED, MASASHI!!

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CRAP. I CAN'T WIN.
MUTTER
WHAT THE HECK...
...IS GOING ON?

Me & My Brothers

Episode 33

IF YOU'RE NOT CAREFUL, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GONNA BE ATTACKED, MASASHI!!

Huff!
WHAT...
...DID I JUST DO?!
Yikes!

BONK BONK
.....
.....
IT HURTS... BUT I'M NOT WAKING UP!
...WHAT I JUST SAW WAS REAL! AND THAT MEANS...
TIC TIC TIC TIC TIC
Processing information...
AND IF THIS ISN'T A DREAM, THEN THAT MEANS...
Captain Ray?
Sakura
Loves
I'M GONNA KILL THAT QUEEN!!!
CRACK

CAWWW
I'M HOME.
WELCOME BACK.
I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM SAKURA-SAN. SHE SAYS SHE'LL BE STUDYING AT TANAKA-SAN'S HOUSE, SO...
OH. OKAY.
IF SHE'S OUT LATE, THEN DO ME A FAVOR AND PICK HER UP.

WH-WHAT?! WHAT IS IT?!
Sigh
YOUR FACE IS AWFULLY RED.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AGAIN?

N-N-N-NOTHING HAPPEN-ED!!!
Don't joke about that!
AH, TAKESHI.
"AGAIN"?
...Who were they?
No peeping!
ANYWAY! I'M GOING TO COOL MY HEAD A BIT.
SLAM

Eeeeeek!!
GET YOUR BIG, GAY BUTT OUT HERE, YOU BASTARD!
ヒキ
?
??

YOU'RE A GUY, SO QUIT ACTING ALL ASHAMED!! GET OUT OF THERE!
WELL?
WHAT IS IT, TSUYOSHI?
WE NEED TO HAVE A TALK!
EEEE! TSUYOSHI, YOU PERVERT!
LOOKING AT HIM LIKE THIS...

...I STILL CAN'T GET MY HEAD AROUND IT!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU SEE IN THIS GUY, SAKURA?!!!
YO, TSU-YOSHI?

...CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE IT, AND I DON'T WANT TO. BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN IT, I CAN'T JUST STAY QUIET, EITHER.
LOOK, I STILL...
GULP
?!
TELL ME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE ADVANCES ON YOUR OWN LITTLE SISTER.
!
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Speaking of happy things, letters from everyone make me happier than anything

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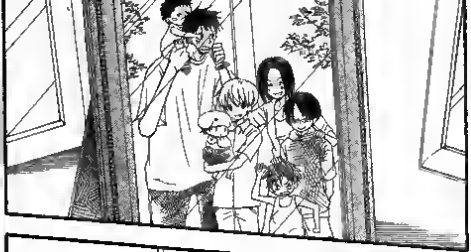
I've had people make cute mascots like this

And draw fun four-frame comics and send them to me.

And I get all kinds of other nice considerations. Every day is filled with feelings and tears of gratitude



WHY YOU...! SO, YOU'RE GONNA DUMP SAKURA?!! I'LL KILL YOU!
WHA...?!
ピキ
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S OKAY IF WE HAVE A ROMANTIC TIME?!
OF COURSE I'M NOT OKAY WITH IT, YOU PERVERT!!
YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!!
I MAY NOT BE MAKING ANY SENSE, BUT THERE AIN'T NO WAY I'M GONNA APPROVE OF THIS.

UNTIL I CAN SNAP SAKURA OUT OF IT...
...YOU STAY AWAY FROM HER!!!

Achoo!

THANKS
IT'S FINE
Here
Mom's baking cupcakes right now

パターン
HUH?
IS THE ROOM TOO COLD?

I...
I'M SORRY.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
BUT NOW YOU'VE GOTTEN SO MUCH STUDYING DONE ALL WITHOUT A PEEP!
YOU NEARLY HAD ME THERE WHEN YOU SHOWED UP, ABOUT READY TO CRY.

WELL, I FIGURED SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH MASASHI-SAMA.
ぼんっ
IT...
すいっ
OMIGOD, I WAS RIGHT! SPILL IT, GIRL!
IT WAS NOTHING...

I CAN'T TELL HER I GOT CARRIED AWAY AND PRACTICALLY ATTACKED HIM.
IT'S JUST...
I CAN'T SAY IT!!
WELL? GIVE ME THE DETAILS!
Uh... maybe something did happen.
...I LET IT OUT THAT I LIKE MASASHI.
AND NOW, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE HIM.
...WANT HIM TO BRUSH IT OFF LIKE THAT.
BUT I JUST DIDN'T...
"...THERE'S REALLY NO SUCH THING AS 'LIKE' OR 'HATE' IN A FAMILY."
"WHEN YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT..."

WHY DON'T YOU...
...FACE HIM WITH AN "I LIKE YOU" FACE?
YOU DO LIKE HIM, AFTER ALL.
BUT...
...WOULDN'T IT BOTHER HIM?

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SURE. IF HE REALLY CAN'T SEE YOU AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN HIS LITTLE SISTER, THEN YEAH, IT MIGHT BOTHER HIM.
BUT, HEY...
IT'S YOUR RIGHT AS A LITTLE SISTER TO BOTHER YOUR BROTHERS
SO JUST, Y'KNOW, GO WITH IT!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
YOU CAN BOTHER HIM AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

...HE DID TELL ME SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
...BACK WHEN WE FIRST STARTED LIVING TOGETHER...
HEY!
GET YOUR MITTS OFF OF OUR CUPCAKES!!
THEN SISTERS SHOULD FORGIVE THEIR BROTHERS FOR BOTHERING THEM, TOO!
BUT BACK THEN.
...I NEVER GUESSED I WOULD EVER FEEL THE WAY I DO NOW.
DRIP
I WANTED TO BE REAL SIBLINGS.
YOU STUPID BROTHER!!
GUUUUUU...
There's a good girl
WHAT'S YOURS IS MINE, WHAT'S MINE IS MINE.

BUT I KNOW OUR RELATIONSHIP IS DIFFERENT.
DRIP
DRIP
Huh?!
SAKURA ?!
I DIDN'T EAT YOUR CUPCAKE, SAKURA-TAN!
JUST GET OUT!!
THAT USED TO MAKE ME FEEL ANXIOUS.
BUT NOW... IT'S DIFFERENT.
IS...

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO... REALLY LIKE MY BROTHER?
OF COURSE IT IS! AND YOU SHOULD...
...PURSUE THAT LOVE WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
Meow!
Meow!
?

YIKES!!
I've been discovered!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MASASHI?
Shh!
S-SORRY, YOUNG LADY, I'M AFRAID YOU'VE MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEONE ELSE. I'M JUST AN OLD LADY FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, ON MY WAY HOME
NO NEIGHBORHOOD LADY WOULD BE THAT SUSPICIOUS
HERE HE GOES AGAIN WITH HIS CRAZY SCHEMES.
BESIDES...

...I WOULD NEVER MISTAKE THE GUY I LIKE.
!
SAKURA.
I...

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WHAT IN THE...?
わら
わら
あぜん
HEY! PUT ME DOWN!
THE TARGET'S BEEN LOCATED AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY.
TAKING HIM IN IMMEDIATELY.
WHAAAAAAT?!

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
Masaoka!
SAKURA-CHAAAAN!
ブオオオオ
DON'T WORRY.
I JUST TIPPED OFF HIS EDITOR, IS ALL.
!
APPARENTLY, HE HASN'T BEEN DOING ANY WORK WHATSOEVER.
I BET THEY'LL SHUT HIM UP IN A HOTEL SOME-WHERE AGAIN.
O-OH.
TSUYOSHI?!
THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT HIM WORTH FALLING IN LOVE WITH.
HUH?

TSUYOSHI?
LISTEN TO ME, SAKURA.
YOU'RE JUST CONFUSED FROM BEING AROUND THAT FREAK FOR TOO LONG.
NO MATTER WHAT...
?!

...I WILL NEVER LOSE YOU TO THAT ABOMINATION!

Sorry for the poor timing. You seemed to be in the middle of something.
To be honest, we're afraid of Yashiro-san, too.
And as usual she was as angry as a devil.
Damn! You're one!
It's all right.
This is my fault anyway.
ガラリ

"I..."
"Sakura."

BUT I DON'T HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO SAY FOR SURE...
WHAT WAS I GOING TO SAY?
SHE'S MORE PRECIOUS TO ME THAN
I WANT TO PROTECT HER MORE THAN ANYONE.
...THAT THOSE ARE MY FEELINGS AS AN OLDER BROTHER.

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Me & My Brothers
Episode 34

I REMEMBER THAT WARM SPRING DAY AS IF IT WERE YESTERDAY.
AS I HELD MY LITTLE SISTER FOR THE FIRST TIME, I WAS SO PROUD...
TO FEEL HER SOOTHING WARMTH WAS A REAL TREASURE.

For those of you who would like to tell me what you think, please direct your letters here.

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c/o Hyun Jee Kim

"THANK YOU, MASASHI-KUN."
IT WAS...
...AN IMPORTANT PROMISE THAT I MADE TO THE FIRST WOMAN I EVER LOVED.
EARTH TO MASASHI-KUN!
WHAP
OO YOU READ ME?!
Editor
YOU LOOK LIKE A ZOMBIE WITH YOUR EYES OPEN. IT CREEPS ME OUT.
YASHIRO-SENPAI.
Uhh!
SORRY.
I GUESS I FELL ASLEEP WITH MY EYES OPEN.
I think I was dreaming
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT WHEN YOU'VE BEEN WRITING NONSTOP FOR TWO WHOLE DAYS?
しょぼ...
しょぼ...

BUT, NOW THAT YOU GOT SOME SLEEP, YOU'RE READY TO KEEP GOING, YES? I'D BETTER SEE THOSE FINGERS MOVING.
SHE'S THE DEVIL!!
THE SOONER YOU GET IT DONE, THE SOONER YOU CAN SEE YOUR DARLING LITTLE SISTER.
!
SO, TYPE 'TIL YOU DROP!
SCAM

SHE'S RIGHT.
I MISS SAKURA LIKE CRAZY, BUT WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY TO HER?
STILL, IT HAS BEEN THREE DAYS NOW. WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE TO HEAR HER VOICE.
Already happened
AND I WANT TO KNOW HOW HER MAKEUP TEST WENT, AND IF SHE'S HAVING A HARD TIME FIXING DINNER BY HERSELF.

MORE IMPORTANTLY... HOW CAN I SIT HERE AND FEEL FINE...
...WHEN I LEFT SAKURA WITH SUCH A SAD LOOK ON HER FACE?
NOW I KNOW HOW TSUYOSHI FEELS WHEN HE SAYS HE WANTS TO KILL ME.
AND TSUYOSHI— WILL HE BE OKAY?
HE MIGHT JUMP TO THOUGHTS OF RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME...

SAKURA, COME WITH ME!!
YOU MUST FLEE THAT PERVERT'S DEN AND ELOPE WITH ME!!
OH, TSUYOSHI! MY HERO!
BRRRING
BRRRING
You can't eloooooope!!!
?!
HELLO
THIS IS THE MIYASHI---
BEEP
WHAT THE--? MASASHI?
RABBLE
RABBLE
CALM DOWN. ARE YOU GETTING YOUR WORK DONE?
YOU JERK!
SAKURA-CHAN AND TSUYOSHI ARE ELOPING! HOW CAN I BE CALM?!
Stupid Takashi! How could you let them do that?!

What a wild image nation.
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. SAKURA-SAN'S IN THE KITCHEN, MAKING DINNER WITH TAKESHI.
I'LL PUT HER ON NOW.
HEARTWARMING
When it's that push it down in the middle

I'M NOT READY YET!!
Oh no!
Oh no!
TAKASHI! DON'T DO IT!!
W-WAIT A SECOND!
SAKURA-SAN.

SA ..
SAKURA?

HELLO?
TAKASHI?

!
Phew.
!!!
DROP DEAD.
DOO DOO DOO DOO
DOO DOO DOO DOO
SNAP

I WONDER...
...IF THAT WAS MASASHI ON THE PHONE
I hope he's not working too hard
Yu-yoshi
I GUESS.. I'LL GET BACK TO WORK..
Don't give in Masashi
SNIFF
SAKURA.
C'MERE A SEC.
HUH?
WAIT! WE CAN'T GO IN MASASHI'S ROOM WITHOUT ASKI~~
BUT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MAKING DINNER.
THEY CAN HANDLE IT.
OF COURSE WE CAN.

...IS GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT A FREAK THAT GAYWAD REALLY IS!!
WHAT I NEED YOU TO DO NOW...
I CAN'T DENY IT...
Purrrr
EK...
He transcends every level of weirdo-ness!
DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE WARDROBE OF A RESPECTABLE HUMAN BEING?

UM...
TSUYOSHI, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY SO MUCH.
IT'S NOT LIKE HE RETURNS THOSE FEELINGS FOR ME.
PLUS, PEOPLE STILL MISTAKE ME FOR A GRADE SCHOOLER.
A-ANO MASAGHI IS A LOT PRETTIER THAN ME.
I DON'T THINK WE'D EVER SUIT EACH OTHER.
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE CUTEST GIRL I KNOW.
HUH?

AND J-JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M NOT BIASED OR ANYTHING. I'M LOOKING AT YOU OBJECTIVELY.
OOPS!
ANY-WAY!
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
Girls are cuter when their smaller! Plus, you've got a great personality, and you cook! Lassies... what else?
YOU'RE COMPLETELY BIASED, TSUYOSHI!!!
HAVE SOME CONFIDENCE!
ASIDE FROM YOUR TASTE IN MEN...
...YOU'RE ONE HECK OF A WOMAN.

TSUYOSHI...
コリ…
THANKS.
SURE.
カ あああ
WH-
WHATEVER.

BRRRRING
BRRRRING
Incoming call
Queen
HOT DAMN!
BRRRRING
(Tsuyoshi's cell phone)
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT?!! GROW UP AND DO YOUR FREAKIN' JOB!!!
Now You're Speaking Sarah!
I HAD A HUNCH! CALL IT WOMAN'S INTUITION!!
FOR SOME REASON I SUDDENLY FELT THE URGE TO INTERRUPT YOU RIGHT NOW! GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!

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NEWSFLASH--- YOU'RE NOT A WOMAN! I HOPE YOU NEVER COME BACK HOME!
DON'T COME CRYING TO ME WHEN YOU TAKE IT BACK LATER!
I AIN'T CRYING!
THE WAY THEY FIGHT, IT'S CLEAR THEY'RE REALLY CLOSE.
That's how it appears to Sakura...
Oops! He left it open.
カラカラ
AN ALBUM?
I'M SURE A LITTLE PEEK WOULDN'T HURT

FLAP
SLIP
IT'S MOM.
OH.
MASASHI'S...
...FIRST LOVE.

THEY SAY YOUR FIRST LOVE IS DESTINED TO NEVER BEAR FRUIT.
BUT I WONDER...
...WHAT HE FEELS WHEN HE THINKS OF MOM.
THE THOUGHT OF NEVER GETTING...
SAKURA.
LET'S FINISH MAKING DINNER.
...TO SEE HIM AGAIN SCARES ME TOO MUCH.

Uh-oh!
I GOT SOME DUST IN MY EYE.
O-OOPS!
THERE, IT'S OUT NOW.
HAMBUR-GER STEAK IS YOUR FAVORITE, TAKESHI.
SO WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE NOT TO BURN IT.
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.....
SOMEHOW I MANAGED TO GET THROUGH...
...THE ENTIRE WEEK WITHOUT MASASHI COMING HOME.
TALK ABOUT TIMING.
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June Schedule
1 Thurs
2 Fri.
Midterm Exams
5 Mon
Third-year Future Plans Explanatory Meeting
First School Excursion Meeting
10 Sat
21 Wed.
22 Thurs
23 Fri
24 Sat
Second-year class trip
26 Mon
I'M LEAVING FOR MY SCHOOL TRIP IN ONLY TWO MORE DAYS!!!

MAYBE WHAT I SAID REALLY DID FREAK HIM OUT, AND NOW HE DOESN'T WANT TO COME HOME...
PESSIMISTIC
NORMALLY, HE'D HAVE BEEN BACK BY NOW.
WELL...
I JUST GOT HERE.
K-KOZUKA-SENPAI! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE?
Long enough to see you're a pervert.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO THINK OVER THE SOUVENIR SO MUCH. I'D BE HAPPY WITH ANYTHING...
...SHORTY.
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BUT I CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR THAT BIG LUG OVER THERE
Eh?
24 Sat
23 Fri
22 Thurs
21 Wed
Second year

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I also get the energy to work hard from my friends who help me with the manuscript.

First, there's the highly sensible Chito Mikami-chan, who is not only adorable but funny, too!

Then Emiko Nakano-chan. She looks like a princess but is still goofy and fun on the inside.

They didn't actually work on anything in this volume, but I also get help from the smart and cute Shinobu Amano-chan and Mikase Hayashi-sama, who is darling inside and out.

Frankly, this column is turning into an excuse to brag about my friends.

I'd like to thank all the other people who give me energy.

YOINK
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?
??
SHE'S LEAVING EARLY.
WILL YOU TELL HER TEACHER?
SURE THING
TA--
TAKE-SHI?!
I'm sending this to Terada.
Giant spotted.

I...
...DON'T REALLY KNOW WHY TSUYOSHI IS MAD. .
...OR WHAT'S BOTHERING MASASHI.
.....
WHAT'S UP?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
BUT I DON'T LIKE TO SEE YOU UNHAPPY, SAKURA.
SO I'M TAKING YOU TO SEE HIM.

GOOD WORK!
CLINK
IT TOOK MORE TIME THAN USUAL, BUT YOU WROTE ME A GREAT STORY, SO I'LL FORGIVE YOU.
I'LL BE GOING SOON..
...BUT YOU DRINK AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, AND THEN GET SOME REST IN YOUR ROOM BEFORE YOU LEAVE.
TH-THANKS..
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE READ SOMETHING SO INNOCENT AND FULL OF UNCERTAINTY. IT EVEN GOT MY HEART POUNDING.
HAVE YOU FINALLY FALLEN IN LOVE AGAIN, MIYASHITA-KUN?
WHA...?!

I DON'T REALLY CARE EITHER WAY. JUST KEEP IT LEGAL.
OF COURSE NOT--
GULP GULP
BUT NOW IT FEELS LIKE I HAVEN'T SEEN SAKURA IN A HUNDRED.
GUH, I'M A MESS.
Sir, you're already slurring after just one
ANOVER GLASH.
I MANAGED TO HOLD OUT FOR 11 WHOLE YEARS.

ガチャ
OH!
HUH ...?
すく
W--
WELCOME BACK.
WHY IS SHE HERE?

UM, I--
!
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WHOA!
WHA...? WHAT NOW?!
...RRR
...RRR

FUMIKO-SAN...
ごろん
I'M SORRY.
FUMIKO-SAN, I...

TO THINK I'D MISS SAKURA...
...SO MUCH THAT I'D EVEN SEE HER IN MY DREAMS
I'M WORRIED I WON'T HAVE THE RESOLVE TO KEEP MY PROMISE AFTER ALL.
SLAM
RUB RUB
EVEN AFTER EVERYTHING, I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND...
...AN ANSWER THAT I CAN GIVE SAKURA.
バターン!!
I'M HOME!
SAKURA-CHAN!!
Your big brother Masashi is finally home!!
Gasp!
Whaaa!

BUT RIGHT NOW...
Didn't you finish working two days ago?
...I JUST WANT TO SEE YOU.
SAKURA-SAN LEFT ON HER SCHOOL TRIP THIS MORNING.
SORRY TO HAVE TO TELL YOU.
Spent all of yesterday sleeping
WHAT?!

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Episode 35

REMEMBER THAT SCHOOL TRIP I MENTIONED BEFORE?
WELL, IT'S DUMPED ME IN THE FAMOUS "MOVIE LAND" TOURIST SITE IN KYOTO.
Historical Drama
Costume Manor
Sakura in a shogun police costume
Hair extension
SAKURA!

THANKS

MIKAMI CHITO SAMA
NAKANO EMIKO SAMA
KONDOU SAMA
&
YOU !!

Nako
Tanaka
Suzuki
Sono
Max
Hot
Hot
WHY, LOOKIT YER PRETTY SELF!
YOU GUYS LOOK GREAT!
WOW,
You're really getting into character, Nako-chan.
THAT RANDOM LOTTERY PAIRED US UP WITH OUR HISTORICAL COSTUMES PRETTY WELL!
LUCKY... I KIND OF FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT OUT.
I wanted to be in this scene, too, guy s.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE SHOGUN POLICE?
SH-SHE'S RIGHT, MIYASHITA.
IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU. IN FACT, IT'S PRETTY C-C-C--

KATAGIRI-KUN!
CUTE--
RELAX. IF YOU WANT ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE POLICE, YOU GOT ONE RIGHT HERE.
D--
DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!
YOU JUST CAN'T LEARN TO TAKE A JOKE.
SO YOUR CLASS IS AT MOVIE LAND TODAY, TOO?
YUP. AND WE'VE GOT MATCHING COSTUMES. ALMOST FEELS LIKE DESTINY, EH?
?!!
WELL, HELLO THERE!
SONOMURA, YOU'RE LOOKING MIGHTY CUTE.
Finally, someone in a kimono!

The Smile That Keeps on Giving
LATER.
GUESS I'LL SEE YOU 'ROUND.
KATAGIRI, WE'RE LEAVING!
ON MY WAY!

SHOGUN POLICE LIKE US HAVE GOTTA STICK TOGE-THER.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?
KATAGIRI-KUN.
That's not funny
H-HEY! WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE MIYASHITA WITH YOU?!!

GUESS NOT
Now, where to next?
!
If you want to tour the grounds with me, come find me.
Thanks but no thanks!
IS THAT MASASHI?!

WHAT WAS I EXPECTING?
FOR ALL HIS SPUNK, EVEN MASASHI WOULDN'T COME ALL THE WAY OUT TO OUR SCHOOL TRIP IN KYOTO.
THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW...
I DOUBT HE'S EVEN COME HOME YET, BECAUSE IT'D BE TOO AWKWARD TO SEE ME.
BESIDES...
"OH, FUMIKO-SAN!♥"
SAKURA! YOU CAN PRACTICE YOUR ROLE LATER. LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE GIFT SHOP!
I'M NO MATCH FOR MY MOM, ANYWAY.
She's sulking
Mmm... I'm hungry.
Miyashita?!
I ought to slice my belly open right now
Heh heh

カラ
MASA-SHI?
ARE YOU STILL ASLEEP?
TAKESHI JUST GOT BACK, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE LUNCH.
WHY DON'T YOU COME AND JOIN US?
UTTER SILENCE
Class Trip Schedule
(For Parents and Guardians)
ISN'T THAT THE SCHEDULE FOR SAKURA-SAN'S CLASS TRIP?
Oh, no!
TAKESHI?

!!
かりっ
Body-double
I'M SORRY TO DO THIS!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...TSUYOSHI-KUN DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HOME, EITHER.
Good point
But I'm sure he had today off
SNAP
Hm
What sort of text message ?
Tsuyoshi
No subject
BZ B out LB.
—END—

JUST A FEW HOURS EARLIER...
I MADE IT!
THIS TRAIN IS MY TICKET TO SEEING SAKURA-CHAN AGAIN!
Wait for me!! My oasis!! My Nirvana!!
Exhausted physically and mentally after finishing his manuscript
D'oh!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!!

Wheeze! Wheeze!
ズーン ズーン
YOU...
huff
huff
AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
I HAVE TO GO!
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! YOU CAN'T STOP ME!
JUST WATCH ME!
!

Stay tuned for the short story after this chapter. I have fond memories of it.

It's the work I did after "The Town Where Santa Is," that was published in volume six. This time I didn't make all the corrections I need, so it's pretty embarrassing...

I like to think that I've gotten a lot better since then.

But I aim to get even better...

It would be nice if I could draw with lots of gusto and get really, really good.
No!
I will! (...I hope.)

I'LL BRING BACK A SOUVENIR!
OOF!
YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THAT EASILY!!

AH BEG YER PARDON.
PRAY, HAS A GROUP O' STUDENTS ON A CLASS TRIP COME THIS HERE WAY?
MIGHT AH HAVE A MOMENT OF YER TIME?
SURE! SCORES OF 'EM.
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?
EXCUSE ME, SIR. WILL YOU TAKE OUR PICTURE?
DIDJA HAPPEN TA SEE A CUTE, SMALL CHARMIN' FAIRY OF A GAL WITH BOBBED HAIR AMONG 'EM?
HUH... AH DON'T RECKON THAT AH DID
THANK YA KINDLY.

Where you?
BUT EVEN IF I DO FIND HER, I HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT...
...HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN WHY I'M HERE, OR WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO HER.
ANYWAY, I HAVE TO FIND SAKURA-CHAN BEFORE TSUYOSHI FINDS ME!
Have you seen a cute little angel with bobbed hair?
BUT EVEN SO...
Sakura-chaaaan!
...THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO STOP ME FROM TRYING.

MIYASHITA! WE MEET AGAIN!
True that.
Ratagin-kun
!
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMEONE CALLING ME...
WHAT'S UP, SAKURA?
BUT I COULD'VE SWORN...
...IT WAS MASASHI'S VOICE I WAS HEARING.
I NEED TO STOP THINKING ABOUT MASASHI ALL THE TIME ALREADY.
GAH!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

OH, MY!
THERE'S BEEN A MOUNTAIN O' STUDENTS TODAY, SO AH CAN'T SAY I'VE SEEN WHO VER LOOKIN' FER.
I UNDER-STAND THANK YOU
Ah wouldn't dream.
Ahm awful sorry
STILL, THERE'S AN AWFUL LOT O' PEOPLE LOOKIN' FOR OTHER PEOPLE TODAY.
WHY, JUST A LITTLE WHILE AGO, A YOUNG MAN ASKED MEH WHETHER OR NOT AH'D SEEN A MAN IN LADY'S CLOTHING.
GULP
!

GOOD. I DON'T SEE TSUYOSHI AROUND.
Whew!
HONESTLY. THAT CHILD IS MORE PERSISTENT THAN HE LOOKS. I'LL HAVE TO WATCH MY BACK.
カラーン
!
NOT ANOTHER STEP.

I MEANT WHAT I SAID BEFORE ABOUT NOT LETTING YOU SEE SAKURA.
Heh
Hmph!
MY, MY. YOUR COSTUME SUITS YOU SO WELL, MR. SAMURAI.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRESS UP, LET ME SEE YOU IN SOME STYLISH WOMEN'S CLOTHING, LIKE MINE!!
BUT YOU'VE STILL GOT A LOT TO LEARN!
YOU WOULDN'T CATCH ME DEAD IN THAT!
Ooh!

SAKURA, I THINK THEY'RE HAVING A SHOW OVER THERE! LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!
ワーキャー
OKAY.
NOW YOU DIE!!
JUST TRY AND KILL ME!!

...NO WAY.
Psst.
カレ
カレ

SAKU--
カキーーン
!
*NOTE The swords are fake.
LET ME HANDLE THIS!

THANKS. I'LL LET YOU TAKE OVER.
DON'T WORRY, BOSS-LADY! I'M HERE AS YOUR AIDE!
YOU CHEAP-SHOT!!
'SCUSE ME. PARDON ME...
WOULD YOU OPEN YOUR EYES ALREADY?!!
Moron!!
I WILL GUARD THE BOSS-LADY'S PATH!!
You shall not pass!
THAT'S DIRTY, YOU SISSY!

SAKURA!
!
HUH?!
HALT
.....
Whew

EXCUSE ME.
IT'S SO GOOD.. TO FINALLY SEE---
DO I KNOW YOU?
WH-WHAT?!
SAKURA-CHAN, HOW COULD YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN BROTHER?!
Hmph
YOU'RE THE ONE...
MUMBLE
...WHO'S CRUEL.

AND YET...
YOU GOT DRUNK AND MISTOOK ME FOR MY MOTHER!
...WHY WOULD HE COME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE ME?
WHAT?
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN! THE OTHER DAY IN THE HOTEL!!
YOU THOUGHT I WAS MOM, AND YOU H-HUGGED ME, REMEMBER?!
F-FUMIKO-SAN?
"Mom"?

SURE...
...I HAD A DREAM THAT I SAW YOU.
SO... THAT WASN'T A DREAM?

IF IT...
かあー
...WASN'T A DREAM...
I--!!

I WAS DRUNK, SO... I COULDN'T HOLD MYSELF BACK!
Oh no! Oh no! Oh no! Oh no!
MAJOR PANIC
I-I-I-I-I'M SORRY, SAKURA-CHAN!!
MASASHI...
I-I MEANT--! THAT IS...
BY HOLDING BACK, I MEANT ...
Heh heh!
EVEN HIS EARS ARE RED. TALK ABOUT UNCOOL.
AS YOUR BROTHER, I, UM...!

I'M SURE THAT NOW...
IT'S OKAY, MAGASHI.
NOW...
INSTEAD ...
...I WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU, EVEN WHEN I'M AN OLD LADY, SO BE READY FOR IT.
...I'LL TAKE MY FIRST STEP TOWARD ROMANCE.
!!
SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GUY!!!
Hey bro! I'm impressed you beat me! Take me under your wing!
Great Yuma!

白雪姫の童話

ONE SPRING DAY, WHEN THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WERE JUST STARTING TO SCATTER THEIR PETALS...
HELLO! MY NAME'S SNOW WHITE.
MAY I STAY HERE FOR A WHILE?
...THIS GIRL SUDDENLY SHOWED UP.
PARTS OF ROBOT

Is this some kind of prank?
Nnngh!
JUST WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
HOW DARE YOU SLAM THE DOOR ON ME LIKE THAT?
NOT SO FAST!
SLAM
IS THIS HAPPENING BECAUSE IT'S SPRING?
Do I have some screws loose?
DID YOU NOT HEAR ME THE FIRST TIME?!
I SAID I'M SNOW WHITE. YES, THE ONE YOU'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT!
H-HOW DOES SHE KNOW THAT?!
YOU CALL YOURSELF A NOVELIST, AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW FANTASY 101?!

Oh, what?
SO GO BACK INSIDE YOUR BOOK OR WHATEVER.
A-ANYWAY, I'M MAKING GOOD TIME.
I don't see any dwarves. I don't see any dwarves.
Trying to convince himself.
He's a college student living by himself!
WELL, LET'S CALM DOWN OVER SOME TEA.
コポコポ
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO CALM DOWN?!
Don't make yourself at home!
プチ
トーン
NO. N.O.
Juggling dwarves.
I WANT TO PLAY WITH THE DWARVES FOREVER!
Yay! Woo!
YOU LITTLE BRAT!
Let's play!
I WANT THE FUN TIMES TO GO ON FOREVER.
BUT IF I STAY IN THE BOOK, THE STORY WILL END.

MOUNTAIN OF INCOMPLETE WORK
IS THAT SARCASM?!
I MEAN, LOOK AT AAAALL THE STORIES YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED!
HUH. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND.
I'VE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE.
BUT IT'S A STORY BECAUSE IT HAS A CONCLUSION, RIGHT?
Say what?
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO YOU.
No, silly. We're kindred spirits!
EMILY GIRL
Text The Long Tale of Snow White
They're just rotting you up!
Squish Squish
IT HAS TO BE BECAUSE OF SPRINGTIME...
...THAT ALL THIS CRAZY STUFF IS HAPPENING.

The divorces have polished their technique
LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU'VE BEEN DOING THE SAME THING FOR A WEEK. OF COURSE YOU'D GET TIRED OF IT.
You're seriously crashing here!
HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR MANUSCRIPT YET?
That's now
HUH. WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED THAT YOU'D GET BORED OF THE SAME FUN THING AFTER SO LONG?
10.D
I KNOW WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.
I'VE ADDED ANOTHER 500 PAGES AGAIN...
And it's still not done
THERE'S NO POINT IN ONLY WRITING A STORY THAT NEVER ENDS
AND YET I KEEP WRITING.

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TIME FOR MUNCHIES
An apple would do
WHO DO I KEEP WRITING FOR?
WHAT THE--?!
YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?!
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SOMEBODY GET AN AMBULANCE!
OR MAYBE A PRINCE!
Dammit! Where do you find princes?!
WHAT?

Ha ha! It's too funny!
YOU HAVE SUCH AN INCREDIBLE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!
A PRINCE WOULD NEVER MAKE THAT EXPRESSION.
GUN!
WHAT NOW?!
Pbbt!
Ha ha ha!
You little sneak...
I DON'T CARE FOR YOUR STUPID JOKES!
AHEM! ★ IT WASN'T A JOKE. I WAS REHEARSING.
WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THE WITCH WILL FOLLOW ME HERE.
IF SOMEONE OFFERS ME A DELICIOUS-LOOKING APPLE, I'LL END UP EATING IT!

Well, get flowers every where.
CLOSE THE WINDO--
Must wait my last one
.....
AND SOMEDAY... THE LAST PAGE WILL CATCH ME.

I WAS JUST THINKING OF SOMETHING.
IF MY PRINCE WERE AN AUTHOR, MAYBE HE'D KEEP ADDING TO MY STORY.
SO WHEN THE TIME COMES...
I GET IT NOW.
...WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO WAKE ME?
I REMEMBER NOW...
...WHO I'VE BEEN WRITING FOR.
AT THE END OF WINTER, WHEN I WAS IN SIXTH GRADE, I HAD A REALLY BAD COLD THAT PUT ME IN THE HOSPITAL.

UNTIL THEN, I WAS THE HEALTHIEST KID AROUND. GETTING SICK REALLY WASN'T SOMETHING I WAS USED TO.
UH-OH... AM I GONNA DIE HERE?
YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME.
I SHARED MY HOSPITAL ROOM WITH THIS PRETTY GIRL WITH BLACK HAIR.
THIS HOSPITAL'S SO GOOD TO ME!
THE GIRL IN THIS BOOK IS LIKE US, TOO.
Almost spring
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE WHEN THOSE LEAVES WILT AND FALL
Heh
WHEN HER NOSE WASN'T IN A BOOK, SHE WAS MAKING UP WILD STORIES.
Wowza!
SHE ESPECIALLY LIKED REALLY THICK BOOKS.
Close but no cigar
No way no how
IT WAS LIKE SHE CARED MORE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF PAGES THAN THE CONTENT OF THE STORY.

WHAT DID THE FILES...
...OF UNFINISHED BOOKS MEAN?
Well, mommy's going away for today
AND SHE WOULD ALWAYS STICK HER BOOKMARK IN THE MIDDLE..
..AND CLOSE THE BOOK SOFTLY, WITH A SAD LOOK ON HER FACE.
I..
..WANT THE FUN TIMES TO GO ON FOREVER.
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE STUPID END.
I'M AFRAID OF HOW IT WILL TURN OUT
O...KAY?

BUT IF YOU DON'T FIND OUT, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE SCARED, WON'T YOU?
I mean duh
THE CHARACTERS ARE FORCED BACK TO LIFE AND GET A HAPPY ENDING ALL THE TIME!
Mangas the Fast!
BUT DON'T WORRY!
DUMMY HEAD!
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DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY, DUMMY!
JEEZUS!
Temporary retreat!
WHAT'S GOT YOUR PANTIES IN A KNOT?!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW I FEEL!! SCREW YOU!!
Ouch! That really hurts!
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Koff Koff Koff
SHE'S OUT OF HER MIND!
HUH...? HER MOM HASN'T LEFT YET.
...DUMMY.
K..ff
.....
I DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING

I HAVE THE FAINT MEMORY...
...OF HER MOTHER ACTUALLY CRYING.
AFTER THAT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HER.
AND I DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO FIND OUT

...I STARTED WRITING STORIES.
THAT'S WHEN...
ALL THOSE STORIES...
LONG, LONG STORIES WITH NO ENDINGS.
...WERE FOR THAT ONE SINGLE GIRL.
LOOKING FOR SOME-THING?

I ALREADY FOUND IT.
IT'S THE VERY FIRST MANUSCRIPT I EVER WROTE.
IT'S A STORY..
...WHERE SNOW WHITE GOES ON A LONG JOURNEY.

...IS THE SNOW WHITE..
...FROM THE STORY I WROTE
I KNOW.
BECAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO WENT ON THAT JOURNEY.
THIS GIRL...
"THEY SAY THAT GIRL HAS LESS THAN A YEAR TO LIVE."
I FELT LIKE IF I WROTE STORIES THAT NEVER ENDED, I COULD PROTECT HER FROM DEATH.
...WHEN I LEFT THE HOSPITAL, MY MOTHER TOLD ME...
"POOR THING..."

Thanks for reading *Me & My Brothers* volume seven is just about at its end.

I myself have no idea how long this story can go on, but I want to work hard on it as far as I can, so if it's all right, please stay with me a little longer.

Well then, I hope that we can meet again in volume eight.

Thank you very much.

Hari Tokeino ©

IT'S THAT I WAS TRYING NOT TO REMEMBER.
IT'S NOT THAT I HAD FORGOTTEN
THE TRUTH IS...
...I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU TO END MY STORY.
...AND I REALLY DO WANT TO KNOW HOW IT TURNS OUT, AFTER ALL.
I'VE GOTTEN PRETTY TIRED OF PLAYING...

YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST BEEN A GOOD LITTLE GIRL AND STAYED IN YOUR STORY!
SHUT UP!
GET OUT OF MY HOUSE!
...DAMN.
SLAM

"THEY SAY THAT GIRL HAS LESS THAN A YEAR TO LIVE."
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT SHE'S SMILING AND HAPPY, EVEN NOW
YOUNG LADY.
BUT...
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE AN APPLE?

...I'M NOT CHILDISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN THAT ANYMORE.

CRE..K

HER STORY...
..THAT I WROTE FOR HER...

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
I...
...IS THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE STORY OF SNOW WHITE HAS A HAPPY ENDING.
THE REASON I MADE HER SNOW WHITE...
"WHEN THE TIME COMES..."
"...WILL YOU BE THE ONE TO WAKE ME?"
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I'M NOT CRYING!
AND DON'T EAT APPLES, STUPID!!
IF YOU DO...
GLENCAR
...THEN THE STORY REALLY WILL END

YOU KNOW...
...AFTER YOU LEFT THE HOSPITAL, I FINISHED READING ALL THE BOOKS I HAD STARTED.
THEY REALLY DID ALMOST ALL HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS.
It was a bit of a let down.
AND THEN...
...I REALIZED.
THE PAGES MAY EVENTUALLY RUN OUT.
BUT THE STORY CAN GO ON...
...INSIDE THE ONES WHO READ IT.

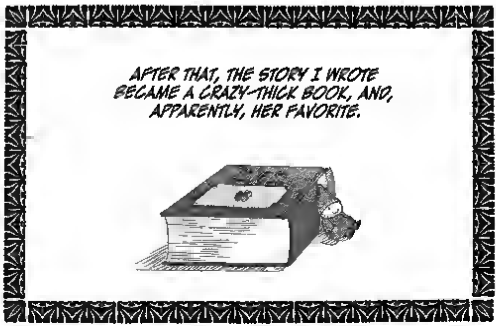
...I KNOW.
SO IT'S OKAY.
I'M NOT SCARED ANYMORE.

THE NEXT THING I KNEW...
...HER FAINT WARMTH...
...WAS ALL THAT WAS LEFT IN MY HANDS.
CLENCH

WOW, A WHOLE YEAR CAN PASS BY IN A FLASH.
AS FOR HOW MUCH PROGRESS I'VE MADE SINCE THEN...
...I FINISHED WRITING MY FIRST STORY...
AND SENT IT TO A PUBLISHER.
AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.
I'M PATHETIC..
I don't even have a job yet.
AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE LOOKING AT THE RESPONSE I GOT FROM THE PUBLISHERS THIS MORNING.
Better look at his name
IF IT'S BAD NEWS, I'LL HATE THIS EDITOR FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
It can't be good if they didn't call

TOUAVP!
"I AM CONTACTING YOU IN REGARDS TO THE RECENT MANUSCRIPT YOU SENT."
"DO I HOPE TO MEET WITH YOU ON APRIL XX"
IT'S A COMMON NAME.
SUCH GOOD STUFF NEVER HAPPENS, BUT...
...YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT HAPPENS UNTIL THE VERY END.
Huff!
Huff!

YOU'RE SO OUT OF BREATH. ARE YOU TRYING TO GET BACK INTO THE HOSPITAL?
WHA--?
SMACK
YOU GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!
HOW ARE YOU STILL ALIVE?!


AFTER THAT, THE STORY I WROTE BECAME A CRAZY-THICK BOOK, AND, APPARENTLY, HER FAVORITE.

Happy end...

Heartwarming Bonus Manga
Rin-chan's Heart-pounding ☆ Valentine's Day
Whoa! A letter!
Whom is it for me?
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TSUYOSHI!
I'M RIN MORIMOTO, AGE 14 (MY HEART IS THAT OF A GIRL ♡ AS FOR MY BODY, THAT'S A SECRET ♡)
THERE'S A BOY I'VE LOVED FOR AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER.
THIS HERE'S THE CHOCOLATE AH WORKED ALL LAST HIGHT TO MAKE
WILL YA ACCEPT IT?
HE'S ALWAYS GETTING INTO FIGHTS, AND IS A BIT OF A PROBLEM-CHILD

THEN...
...COULD YA REALLY THROW THIS AWAY, TSUYOSHI?
So naive
Heh
OF COURSE I DON'T WANT IT. THROW IT AWAY, MORON.
BUT DEEP DOWN, HE'S VERY KIND. ☆
...CHERRY BLOSSOM-SHAPED CHOCO-LATE!!!
LOVE
RIN-CHAN'S SPECIALLY MADE...
!!
MY DARLING...
...IS A BASHFUL, ADORABLE, DOTING OLDER BROTHER. ♡
THAT'S JUST PLAYING DIRTY!!
Hmph!
It may not be the real Sakura, but it still feels wrong to throw away!
Sales pitch!
ARE YA TELLIN' ME TO THROW AWAY THIS SAKURA?
Note: Sakura means cherry blossom

End

Preview of the next volume!

Look forward to it!